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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
COOK INLET PARALLEL PACIFIC COD SEASON
CLOSES TO LONGLINE VESSELS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 50 FEET
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The parallel Pacific cod season in the Cook Inlet Management Area will **close to vessels greater than or equal to 50 feet in length using longline gear effective 12:00 noon March 14, 2018.** This coincides with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) closure of the Pacific cod catcher vessel greater than or equal to 50 feet hook-and-line gear sector in the federal Central Gulf of Alaska area. The state-waters seasons for vessels less than or equal to 58 feet in length and fishing with pot gear, and for vessels using jig gear, will remain open until closed by emergency order.

Fishermen are reminded that there is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following closure of a groundfish fishery.

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